MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether it was before or after the Resolution was passed in this House?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It might have been under consideration of Government even before that.

Abolition of export duty on cocoanut products.

157. ❋ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, in pursuance of the Resolution passed in the Assembly, the export duty for the products of the cocoanut tree was abolished;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, why it was not done so; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what is the exact amount that the Government would be losing towards the revenue of the State in this direction?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member the exact amount that the Government are getting from the export duty of cocoanut products in the State?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is given in the Statistical Volume.

Abolition of export duty on cocoanut products.

158. ❋ **MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have accepted the Resolution passed in the Sri Mulam Assembly on the 28th May 1934 regarding the abolition of the export duty on copra and other cocoanut products;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken by Government for giving effect to the same; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reason for the same?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Resolution is under the consideration of Goverment.

(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether the abolition of this duty will better the economic condition of the Travancore cocoanut producers?

PRESIDENT: It is a question of opinion.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the amount of export duty actually levied on cocoanut in 1108?

PRESIDENT: That has been answered. The member would do well to refer to the Statistical Volume.

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